[English]

Public Distribution System in Delhi

5712. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Distribution System in Delhi is in total shambles in as much as essential commodities are not available at the shops and the card holders have to go a number of times to get their ration;

(b) whether there is an urgent need for opening more fair price shops, kerosene oil depots and fixing of maximum ceiling on the number of cards with the shop/depot; and

(c) if so, concrete measures taken to improve the Public Distribution System in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir. Delhi Administration has, however, reported that for a period in June, 1991, there was delay in the availability of rice, wheat and sugar in some areas due to labour problems in FCI godowns at Narela, Cheora and Shakti Nagar.

(b) and (c). Delhi Administration has reported that new fair price shops and kerosene oil depots are opened, where necessary, on the basis of periodical reviews taking into account the number of cards attached to the FPS/kerosene oil depots and viability of the shops/depots.

Demand of Employees of Super Bazar

5713. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the long-standing dispute regarding pay scales and other demands of the employees of Super Bazar of Delhi has been settled;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in the settlement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). The important demands of the staff Unions of Super Bazar, Delhi, relating to fresh revision of Pay scales and D.A. structure, grant of L.T.C. facilities at par with Central Government employees and demand of sale of goods to employees at concessional price are pending adjudication before Hon. Industrial Tribunal Delhi.

The other demands of the staff unions relate to extension of Gazetted holidays to Super Bazar employees, regularisation of all piece rated and daily wages workers, upgradation of the post of "packing cleaners" to the level of 'Packers' in higher scale, extension of better medical facilities like C.G.H.S. to Super Bazar employees, recognition of the staff unions etc.

(c) The management of Super Bazar considered certain demands of the employees on merit and unilaterally announced/ extended number of benefits to them, some of which are as under:

(i) 'An adjustable advance Payment' of Rs. 100/- alongwith extra Medical Allowance of Rs. 20/- per month to all employees pending decision of the Industrial Tribunal.

(ii) Increase in Casual Leave of the staff from 15 to 24 with effect from 1.1.1991.